

DIXIE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

March 4, 2020 – 1:00 p.m.

Five County Association of Governments

1070 West 1600 South

St. George, UT

MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Todd Edwards, Washington County Public Works Director - CHAIR
- Wayne Peterson, Leeds Town
- Jay Sandberg, St George City
- Monty Thurber, St. George City, Engineer Associate/Traffic Coordinator
- Kirk Thornock, UDOT Region Four
- Arthur LeBaron, Hurricane City
- Chuck Gillette, Ivins City, Public Works Director
- Mike Shaw, Washington City Public Works Director
- Jack Taylor, Santa Clara City Public Works Director
- Cameron Cutler, St. George City, Public Works Director

MEMBERS ABSENT:

- Kyle Gubler, LaVerkin City Administrator
- Ty Bringhurst, Toquerville City

VISITORS:

- Myron Lee, Dixie MPO
- Curt Hutchings, FCAOG
- Gary Zabriskie, FCAOG
- Kurt Ivie, Washington City Council
- Brett Jensen, Lochner
- Rick Snyder, Sunrise Engineering
- Aron Baker, Horrocks
- Kye Nordfelt, Health Department

At 1:26 Mr. Todd Edwards, Chair, noted that there was now a quorum present and called the meeting to order. Prior to 1:26, Mr. Myron Lee presented some information on some issues from the Utah Legislative Session (Agenda Item 2a).

1. ADMINISTRATIVE:

- A. Consider Minutes from February 5, 2020 Meeting:** Chairman Todd Edwards asked for comments. With no comments presented, Mr. Edwards asked for a motion to approve. **Motion to approve by Jay Sandberg, second by Arthur LeBaron – voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

2. PLANNING SERVICES:

- A. Unified Planning Work Program – Vote Share:** Mr. Myron Lee reported that there will not be a Vote Share increase this year because the MPO still has enough in the reserve fund. In 2020 we had a budget of \$521,000 – of which \$40,000 shows as a vote share with a contingency of \$5,000. In the 2021 draft budget, we still show a contingency of around \$3,800 however, because the contingency continues to decline, by fiscal year 2022, the Vote Share will bump up from \$5,000 to \$5,200. Mr. Lee indicated that once the Executive Council approves Unified Planning Work Program, he will bring back the final document for the Committee to recommend it to the Executive Committee for approval.
- B. Utah Economic Insights and Growth Presentation:** Myron Lee led a discussion on a slide presentation from the Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute called “Economic Insights – GOED Rural Day on the Hill”. The slide presentation covers 10 years of economic expansion (2009 – 2019). Of note is that Utah has grown its non-farm employment by 31% in this last year which is one of the highest in the nation. Included in the discussion were slides referring to the unusual, uncertain, and challenging times ahead.
- C. Larger Developments in the Dixie MPO planning area:**
- Ivins – presented an Ivins City Development Update – of note, there were 33 MFR units pulled in 2018 and 99 MFR units pulled in 2019. A map was included which shows what kind of development is going on. Three separate maps were discussed that show Commercial, Multi-Family, and Single-Family Home projects.
 - Santa Clara – Jack Taylor used pictures to highlight developments in Santa Clara. Some of the highlights were the new Bridge and new developments on top of the hill as well as other commercial and residential developments planned or in process of construction.
 - St. George – Cameron Cutler used the following URL for his presentation: <https://maps.sgcity.org/watermobile/>. Mr. Cutler also had hand-outs detailing St. George Building Permits for Commercial, Residential, and projected combined YTD.
 - Washington City – Google Earth was used to guide a discussion on projects proposed and under development. Also mentioned was that last month was their all-time record-breaking high for building permits issued. They broke 100 permits for in February (and that is just residential).
 - Hurricane City – A handout with highlighted areas was presented for discussion. Such as developments along Sand Hollow Road and the new Copper Rock development (which includes a golf-course).
 - LaVerkin, Toquerville, and Leeds did not have presentations for this meeting.

3. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT:

- A. **Transportation Expo 2020** – Mr. Lee reported that they had approximately 700 visitors (a little down from last year). It appeared that approximately 10% of the crowd were people that came for the first time – either brand new to the area, or just wanting to see what was going on. Mr. Lee also noted that the autonomous vehicle was a highlight and provided over 150 rides. The overall tone in the booths was positive.

4. UPCOMING MEETINGS/DEADLINES

- A. March 18, 2020 – DTEC meeting
- B. April 1, 2020 – DTAC meeting

ALL BUSINESS HAVING BEEN CONDUCTED; THE MEETING ADJOURNED.